

Because of the generosity of our alumni, we are able to offer

Two 2016 AMA Legacy Scholarships each worth \$2,000!

After announcing in The Bayonet that we did not have funds for our AMA Legacy Scholarships this year, our faithful alumni have contributed enough to fund two \$2,000 awards!

These scholarships will go to direct descendants of AMA alumni who are 25 years of age or younger who are enrolled or plan to enroll in a institution of higher learning above the high school level. Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, et al, of AMA alumni (natural, adopted or step) are eligible.

OBTAI AN APPLICATION FROM: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net

OR go on line to AMAAcademy.org. Complete the application and mail to Scholarship, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100

OR by e-mail to AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net

OR by FAX to 540/248-4533

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 1 MARCH 2016

All applicants will be advised by snail mail whether they will receive a scholarship.

Winners are asked to attend the Awards Banquet at 7 PM on Saturday 16 April at the Staunton Holiday Inn during the 2016 AMA Reunion.

Our special thanks to Al Smith, '66, who has funded an entire \$2,000 scholarship for 2016. His daughter, Mary Katlyn, received a Legacy Scholarship in 2013.

Streamlined reunion planned with plenty of time to spend with your AMA brothers

We heard you! You said you wanted more time to be with your friends at AMA reunions. We hope you will like this year's format. Plan now to come to salute our Vietnam vets. Help us to plan the future of the AMA Museum. Enjoy golf, clay shoots or a small bore rifle match. A tasty barbecue again by popular request and in our gym! Best of all - being with OLD AND NEW friends who share our common memories!

Thursday dinner with faculty members, FMS, SMA alumni

For those who come early, we will have a dinner at the Club at Ironwood (next to the Holiday Inn) on Thursday evening 14 April. We are inviting all living AMA faculty members to be there plus we will have some alumni leaders from both SMA and Fishburne. This is a grand opportunity to start the AMA Weekend in the company of friends!

Silent Auction will again offer unique treasures

The 2016 Silent Auction already has a number of fantastic offerings and we are just getting warmed up! There are hot pit passes for NASCAR, stays at magnificent vacation retreats, a World War II airplane spotter book, a Tiffany clock and things specific to AMA.

The auction will begin just before the Saturday lunch 16 April and ends after the lunch. So plan to bid early and often! NOW we need you to start thinking about what you have that would be good at the auction. One person's trash is a treasure to someone else. Put on your thinking cap and let's make this the biggest and most successful Silent Auction.

Sports opportunities abound

Are you a golfer? Or a shooter? There are three chances to practice your hobby in the company of friends at Reunion 2016.

The annual AMA Open Golf Tournament will be held again at the Waynesboro Country Club with a shotgun start at 9 AM on Friday 15 April. Sign up to play! If you have questions, contact Paul Poluito, '73, at: cpp2q@virginia.edu

Another annual event is the Sporting Clay Shoot which takes place this year on Friday 15 April at 12 Noon. As in past years, the shoot will be at the Flying Rabbit in Harrisonburg. Check in with Blaine Clarke, '72, to let him know that you plan to participate: Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net. Note: this is on Friday!

New on the schedule this year is a Small Bore Rifle Match to be held at the Fishburne Rifle Range on Saturday 16 April at 3 PM. Considering the tired bones of many of our alumni, firing will be done from only two positions: offhand and prone. Fishburne will provide the weapons and Mike Kidd, '72, will contribute the ammo. There may be shooters from SMA and from the FMS rifle team but that is not firm. If you are interested in the Small Bore Match, please contact Mike Kidd at: mkidd72@gmail.com.

Time set aside to discuss future of the AMA Museum

The future of our AMA Museum is very much in the forefront of thoughts these days. We would love to stay where we are on the campus where all of our memories abide but reality is forcing us to look at other options. In the last *Bayonet*, there were 26 Taps listings. Our alumni base is getting smaller and we are creating no new alumni. These obvious facts have led to reduced contributions and the unavailability of alumni to staff the museum.

There are many optional activities at the reunion but plenty of time left to gather on the Reunion Plaza at the Holiday Inn to ponder our future. In addition, time has been set aside for such discussions on Saturday 16 April. Between 8 AM and Noon, the Foundation Trustees and Association Board will meet to be followed by a General Membership Meeting. Then before the Awards Banquet on Saturday at 5:30 PM we will have time over drinks to talk further. Plus there will be time allotted at the Banquet to continue this discussion.

The Foundation Trustees have some very serious decisions to make in this coming year. You can read about the various options in Foundation Chair Clarke's letter on pages 16 and 17 in the last *Bayonet*.

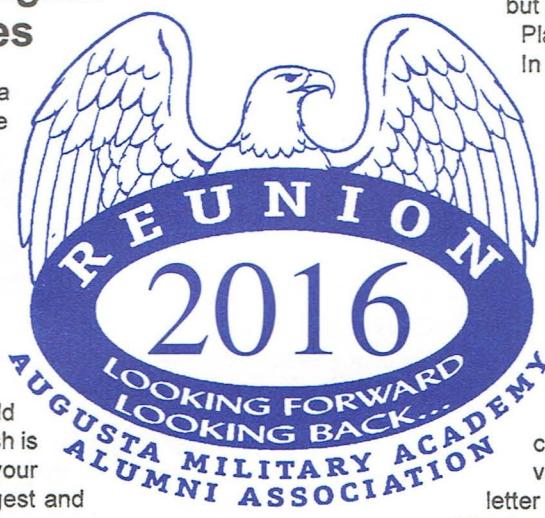
The leaders of your alumni organizations are very seriously looking for comments from our alumni. Whatever we do will take a commitment of time and resources. We have come a long way toward insuring AMA's legacy. We can't stop now!

BarBQ, Fishburne tour and SMA dance among reunion highlights

Friday will give reunion goers a chance to tour Fishburne and see the General Wayne Hotel where a joint AMA-FMS Museum is under discussion. For the second year we are invited to SMA's reunion dance on Friday night and Scott Travers, '70, is again arranging a spectacular barbecue luncheon in the AMA Gym on reunion Saturday.

The tour of Fishburne includes lunch in their Mess Hall with the FMS cadets! The SMA Dance is in the Clock Tower in downtown Staunton and those who attended last year had a grand time listening to music, dancing and talking with our SMA brothers. And the barbecue lunch last year earned rave reviews from those who partook of it.

Very exciting options for Reunion 2016! Make your hotel reservations early since there are other area reunions that weekend.



Are you a Vietnam veteran? Join your brothers at the reunion!

It has been said often that while men and women in uniform returning from World War II were greeted with parades and bands, the veterans of Vietnam had no such accolades. In past reunions we have paid tribute to the brave Augusta men who put their lives on the line in the war that took 58,307 American lives, the names of each engraved on the somber wall pictured at right.

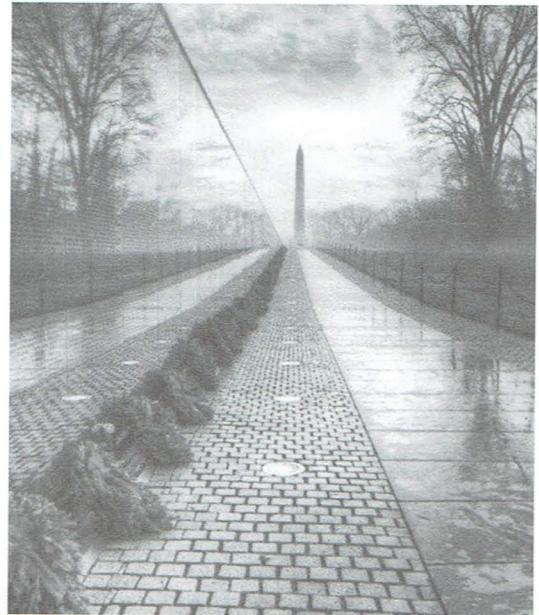
At Reunion 2016, we will honor and remember the Veterans of Vietnam again.

At Founder's Day ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery on Saturday 16 April at Noon, the names of AMA's Vietnam KIAs will be read with vocal responses from assembled Vietnam vets.

At the Saturday lunch in the gym, we will recognize all Vietnam veterans in the room, including those from SMA and FMS.

If you served during the Vietnam War (8/5/64-5/7/75) be sure your name is on the AMA Honor Roll of all who have self-identified as having been in uniform during the war, whether or not they were in country. If your name should be on this list, please let us know right away by e-mail at: AMABayonet@aol.com.

If you wore the uniform of our country during the Vietnam War, please come to the April reunion to salute your comrades in arms.



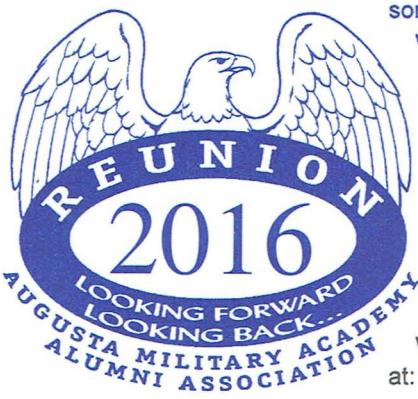
SMA DANCE Again in 2016, we are invited to SMA's annual reunion dance at the ClockTower on Beverly Street in Staunton. Those who attended last year were greeted warmly by our SMA hosts and whether or not they took to the dance floor, everyone had a fantastic evening with our brothers in cadet grey. The dance is Friday evening 15 April. Be sure you pay your taxes by that day, then enjoy this outstanding event. Special thanks go to **Jack White, '69**, for making all the arrangements. At press time, transportation arrangements were not complete.

FISHBURNE TOUR Fishburne Military School has been extending sincere offers of help to us over the past year. They have hosted our Boards in their Library and had them as guests in their Mess Hall. As we discuss whether it might make sense to merge our museum with theirs, they are inviting all of our alumni to visit their Waynesboro campus to see what they have to offer. We will take private transportation to their campus on Friday so think about putting together car pools. In addition to touring their campus, we will see the General Wayne Hotel where a combined museum might be and we will have lunch in the Mess Hall with the FMS Corps of Cadets.

50/50 AND TOWER OF POWER Once again, we will be offering both the 50/50 and Tower of Power opportunities. With 50/50, reunion goers deposit five dollar bills into a cannister with the contributor's name or initials on the bill. At the end of the evening on Saturday, one bill will be drawn and the person whose name appears on the bill will get half of what is in the cannister while AMA gets the other half. In previous years, the canister has contained as much as \$900! Tower of Power tickets will be sold throughout the reunion with ticket drawings on both Friday and Saturday nights. The winners receive bottles of special libations!

BARBECUE Those who attended Reunion 2015 don't have to be told about the delicious barbecue furnished by **Scott Travers, '70**. The pulled pork was the very best and the sides were extraordinary. And he promises a new dessert this year. You don't want to miss this culinary adventure! Come to the Saturday barbecue at 1 PM in our gym. Note the time!

SILENT AUCTION The Silent Auction starts on Saturday at 12:30 PM in the gym and continues through the lunch. **THIS IS THE ONLY TIME YOU WILL HAVE TO BID ON THE FANTASTIC ITEMS TO BE OFFERED!** This year, stays in exquisite vacation homes, hot pit passes for any NASCAR race in 2016, AMA items, works of art, a World War II aircraft spotting book and many other items. Please remember that one person's trash is another's treasure! Think about what you have which might be worth something to someone else. Then either send your item(s) to the AMA Museum or bring them with you to the reunion! **Rick Small, '67**, is in charge of the Silent Auction. Contact him at: ricksmail@earthlink.net to let him know what you are giving to the auction.



SPORTING EVENTS

Want to play golf on Friday morning? Contact **Paul Poluito, '73**, at: cpp2q@virginia.edu and send in the registration form.

Want to shoot Sporting Clays at Noon on Friday? Contact **Blaine Clarke, '72**, at: Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net.

Want to fire in the small bore match at Fishburne Saturday afternoon? Contact **Mike Kidd, '72**, at: mkidd72@gmail.com.

Name: _____

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Name to appear on name tag: _____

Guest name(s) for nametag(s) & age(s) if children: _____

Children 13 – 17 half price! 12 and under – FREE!

14 – 16 April 2016
Ft. Defiance, Virginia

Questions? Phone (540) 248 – 3007

Or email augustamilitaryacademy@verizon.net

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ENTIRE REUNION WEEKEND PACKAGE

Hospitality Room, Thursday Dinner,
Friday Night Banquet, Saturday Luncheon,
Saturday Evening Banquet

Before 10 March – \$165 for single, \$330 for couple

11 Mar – Apr 1 \$175 for single, \$350 for couple

After April 1 – \$185 for single, \$370 for couple

Amount: _____

SPECIFIC EVENTS

Thursday Dinner (14th)

The Club at Ironwood
\$40 preregistered/\$50 at the door

Amount: _____

Friday Night Banquet (15th)

Holiday Inn, Includes Hospitality Room
\$50 preregistered/\$60 at the door

Amount: _____

Saturday Luncheon (16th)

AMA Gym
\$45

Amount: _____

Saturday Evening Banquet (16th)

Holiday Inn, Includes Hospitality Room
\$45 preregistered/\$55 at the door

Amount: _____

Donations:

Bayonet Fund Amount: _____

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We are saddened to report the death of Joyce Zinkhan, beloved wife of Ben Zinkhan, '60, both of whom have been the most loyal of AMA Museum volunteers.

She passed away on Saturday 16 January at home in Staunton in the presence of her family.

The next Bayonet will have a complete picture story about her and her many gifts to AMA.

For her many contributions, she received an AMA Alumni Medal in 2011.

She and Ben are the only husband/wife team to be so honored.

Please keep Ben and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

THE 2016 AMA OPEN AT LAST YEAR'S VENUE

Friday 15 April at 9 AM - Shotgun start

A four-person scramble (Captain's choice) with all proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation. All are welcome! Men, ladies and teens

Use every player's tee shot twice. Lowest score wins! 1st, 2nd and Last Place Prizes awarded plus Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Best Putt.

Drawing for Mulligan Prizes! \$10 per mulligan, limit two per player.

FEES: \$100* PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES 18 HOLES, GREEN FEES, CART RENTAL, BOX LUNCH, REFRESHMENTS, GOODY BAG AND A DONATION TO THE AMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION

*Includes two Mulligans



We need your help in getting things for the Goody Bags. Golf balls, tees, towels, caps, umbrellas and we'll even take CASH! Contact PAUL POLUITO, '73, at cpp2q@virginia.edu

Thanks to Paul for hosting the AMA Open at his club –
The Waynesboro Country Club

Sign up form for the 2016 AMA Open

Name and Class _____ Phone (____) ____ E-mail _____

Snail mail address _____

Handicap or last three scores _____ Will play with anyone OR team me with _____

_____ and _____

We have a foursome _____ and _____
_____ and _____

Make check payable to:
AMA Alumni Foundation
Mail form and check to:
AMA Golf, P. O. Box 100,
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Photocopy will be accepted

We expect to have players from some of our rival military schools! SMA, FMS, Fork Union, Massanutton and Stuart Hall! More fun!